ATLAS II Webinar
ALAC Rules of Procedure
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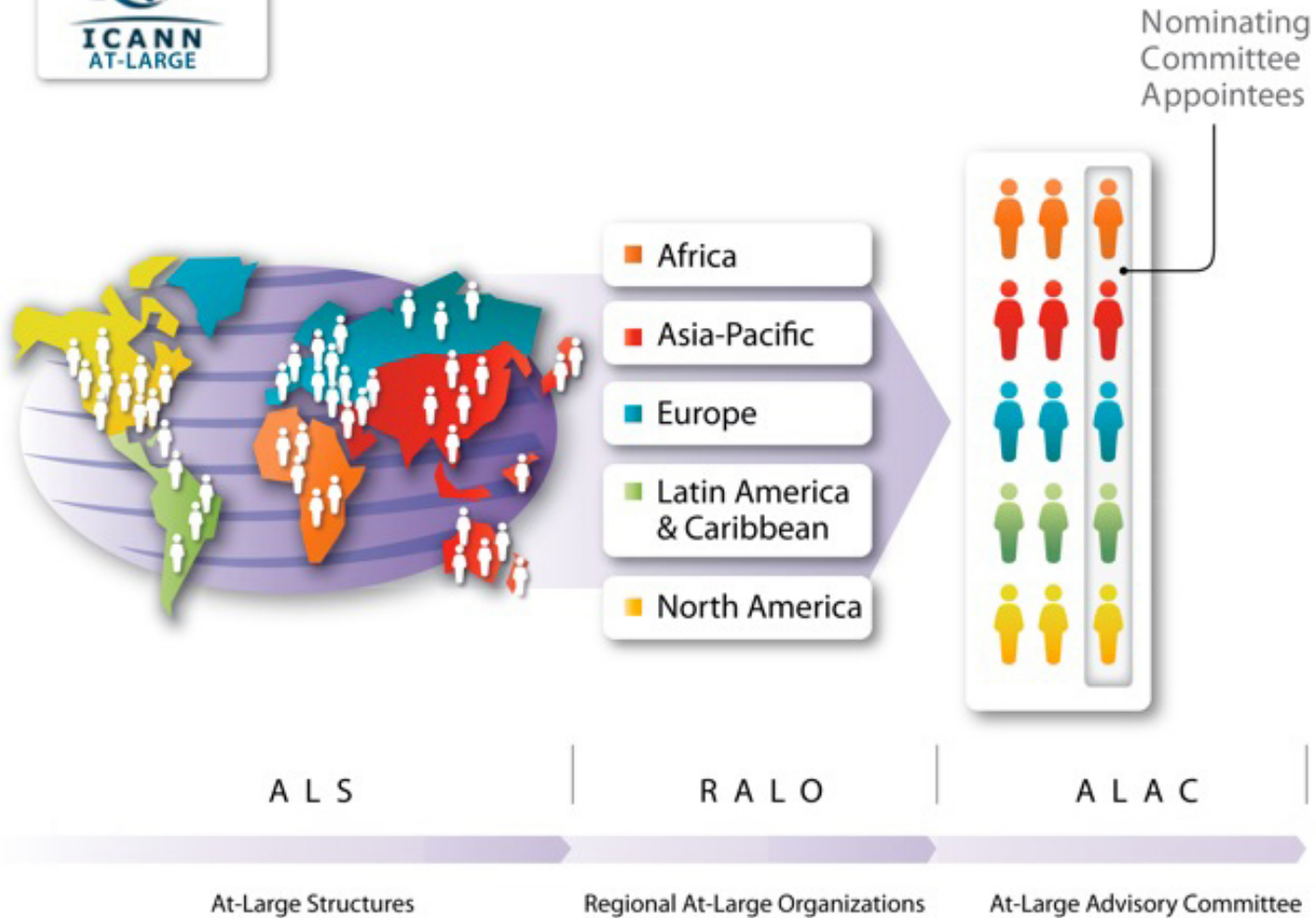
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ALAC Rules of Procedure (RoP)

- Why review the RoP?
  - Not to bore you with details
  - RoP define how the ALAC operates, but also defines its structure and responsibilities which is very relevant to ALSes.

At-Large Organizational Diagram

ALAC Structure

- 15 Members
  - 10 selected by RALOs (2 per RALO)
  - 5 selected by Nominating Committee (1 per region)
- ALAC Leadership Team (ALT)
  - 5 members, 1 per region
  - 1 Chair
  - 1 or 2 Vice-Chairs
  - 2 or 3 non-titled ALAC Members
  - Liaisons to AC/SO – Ex officio

ALAC Leadership Team (ALT)

- No explicit powers other than those resting with the Chair
  - Chair may delegate to ALT members or any ALAC Member
  - ALT works with the Chair to ensure that the ALAC can focus on most appropriate issues with a minimum of overhead

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ALAC Member Selection

- Creditability of At-Large in ICANN depends on the quality of ALAC members and their dedication:

    – to ensuring that ICANN can succeed;

    – to ensuring that user issues are suitably addressed by ICANN.

- Since RALOs select 2/3 of the ALAC, their selections must be carefully considered.

ALAC Members Responsibilities

- Serve on behalf of the ALAC and the At-Large Community by acting for the good of the entire ICANN Community

- Attend all ALAC meetings, and when not possible, provide notice

- Prepare for and actively participate in all ALAC discussions, including face-to-face meetings, teleconferences, e-mail lists, wikis and other means of interaction

ALAC Members Responsibilities - 2

- Take part in all ALAC consensus decisions and votes

- Actively participate in ALAC Work Teams (WTs), and preferably in WTs sponsored by other ICANN bodies as well

- Preferably, also take a leadership position within one or more of the WTs in which they participate

ALAC Members Responsibilities - 3

- Play a leadership role in representing the interests of Internet users within ICANN
  - Guardians of the user
  - Conscience of ICANN with respect to users
- If responsibilities cannot be met, resign or otherwise ensure that the ALAC and At-Large are well-served

ALT Member Responsibilities

- All of the responsibilities associated with ALAC Members

- Accept a higher than normal work-load compared to regular ALAC members, with Vice-Chairs accepting a higher level of responsibility than other ALT members

- Although the ALT is regionally balanced, the ALT members have an explicit responsibility to the ALAC as a whole

ALAC Liaisons

- Official representatives of the ALAC to groups either within ICANN, or outside.
- Currently:
  - GNSO
  - ccNSO
  - SSAC
  - .MOBI

Liaison Requirements & Responsibilities

- No requirement to be an ALAC Member, but often is (or past member)
- Represents and may act on behalf of the ALAC
  - Must understand what the should and should not do without formal ALAC authorization
  - Since often no opportunity for consultation, must understand and relevant ALAC positions and values
    - But, must consult whenever possible
  - Often called upon to advise ALAC on related matters
  - Personal positions are secondary to ALAC positions

Liaison Requirements & Responsibilities - 2

- Communications path between the ALAC and the other group
- For Liaisons to ICANN groups, expected to attend ALAC and ALT meetings

Length of Appointments

- All appointments (including ALT) are for one year, starting at the end of the last ICANN meeting of the calendar year

- Chair is a slight exception – will be automatically renewed one time if person is still eligible and willing to continue in the position

- No term limits – may be re-appointed

Selection Processes

- Details vary depending on the position
  - Generally a call for volunteers and then a selection/election if more than one candidate
  - Liaisons and other appointees may be re-appointed without calling for nominations
- Considerations
  - Willingness and ability
  - Continuity vs "new blood"
  - For Liaison: Building trust of target group

Performance

- "All ALAC Members must make regular and significant contributions to the ALAC, At-Large and ICANN"
  - Easy to say, difficult to measure
- Easy measures: Attendance, voting
- Hard measures: Active participation and value of contributions
- WG currently looking at "metrics"

Remediation

- Remediation ≡ How to fix performance issues
- Intent to fix, not punish
- But:
  - In extreme case, it is possible to revoke appointments
  - Remove leaders
  - Remove ALAC Members

And lastly…

- Virtually all meetings open and anyone can attend (ALAC, ALT, Committees, Working Groups)
- Formal members generally given speaking priority, but others welcome to speak if time allows
- Most Working Group membership open to all
  - Generally can join to participate or to audit
- Mentoring becoming important
- Regional groups to "feed" ALAC WGs

Questions?